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1. AT MAY 21 MEETING, NAC CONSIDERED SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S HALF-YEARLY REVIEW OF SUBVERSIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. SPEICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KUIPERS (NETHERLANDS) LED OFF WITH STATEMENT (TRANSMITTED REF B) ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S WORK IN TERRORISM FIELD.

2. PECK (UK) SAID HE APPRECIATED KUIPERS' STATEMENT AND UNDERSTOOD CONSTRATINTS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS REGARDING TERRORISM. PECK BELIEVED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THERE WERE ASPECTS OF THE TERRORISM PROBLEM INVOLVING QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND POLITICAL-LEVEL DECISIONS WHICH WENT BEYOND SECURITY ELEMENTS OF TERRORISM ISSUES. PECK SUGGESTED THERE WAS ROOM FOR GREATER COOPERATION AMONG VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENTS IN DEALING WITH TERRORISM. HE HOPED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A CLEARING HOURSE FOR INFOMATION IN THIS AREA. KUIPERS AGREED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE COULD SERVE AS "CLEARING HOUSE". ON BASIS OF HIS OWN TRAVELS AND CONTACTS WITH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, HE BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE ALL VERY ALERT NOW TO TERRORISM PROBLEMS AND THAT THROGH COOPERATION AMONG SECURITY AGENCIES GOVERNMENTS WERE LEARNING FROM ONE SECRET

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ANOTHER'S EXPERIENCES. AT SAME TIME, KUIPERS SAID COUNTER-TERRORIST MECHANISMS WITHIN GOVERNMENTS WOULD NECESSARILY BE DIFFERENT TO REFLECT DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES; AND EVEY TERRORIST INCIDENT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH ON AN INDIVIDUAL

BASIS.

3. AMBASSADOR BRUCE EMPHASIZED CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH ALLIES IN EFFORTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM. RECALLING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR A NATO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM AND REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL IN THIS FIELD, BRUCE SAID WE BELIEVE NATO CAN AND SHOULD DO MORE IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND COORDINATING COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM ALONG THE LINES OF U.S. PROPOSALS. KUIPERS SAID THAT, OF COURSE, THIS WAS MATTER FOR THE COUNCL TO DECIDE. HE RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD MADE AN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM THROUGH BROADER GROUP IN RECENT YEARS. THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF UNWIELDY MEMBERSHIP AND FAILURE TO AGREE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IN THE END HAD DECIDED TO LEAVE COOREDINATION TO SECURITY SERVICES.

4. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AN AD HOC GROUP ON TERRORISM. HE ASKED KUIPERS ABOUT STATEMENT IN PARA 15 OF HALF-YEARLY REVIEW THAT ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WAS NOT MAKING ISSUE OF ITALY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. KUIPERS SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS TENDENCY AMONG WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES TO DEAL CAREFULLY WITH NATO ISSUE AT PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, THEIR FINAL OBJECTIVE OF WITHDRAWING THEIR COUNTRIES FROM NATO HAD NOT CHANGED.

5. THERE WERE NO OTHER SPEAKERS. IN CONCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE REVIEW, SYG LUNS SAID HE WOULD PASS ON TO PERMREPS AT SOME FUTURE LUNCHEON INFORMATION ON NATO WORK ON TERRORISM WHICH KUIPERS HAD SHARED WITH SYG.
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